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Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
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To

Secretaries in-Charge of SC Welfare, All States/UTs

Subject: Revision in the Centrally sponsored scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for students belonging to Scheduled Castes.

Sir,

The Government of India has been implementing the Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship to students belonging to Scheduled Castes since 1944. It aims to provide financial assistance to students belonging to Scheduled Castes for pursuing post-matriculation courses through recognized institutions. Under the Scheme, Central assistance is provided on 100% basis to all States/UTs over and above their respective "committed liability" except in the case of the 8 North Eastern States (Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim), which are exempted from committed liability, and were therefore provided 100% assistance without deducting any committed liability.

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2. Components of the Scheme include:

(i) maintenance allowance;
(ii) reimbursement of non-refundable compulsory fee charged by educational institutions;
(iii) Book Bank facility, and
(iv) certain other allowances.

The Scheme was last revised **w.e.f. 01.04.2003**, and the revised Scheme was communicated to State Governments vide this Ministry's letter No.11017/7/2002-SCD-V dated 28th January 2004.

3. The Scheme has now been revised **w.e.f. 01.07.2010.** The revision includes changes in (i) income ceiling; (ii) grouping of courses; and (iii) rates of maintenance and other allowances.

4. The changes effective from **01.07.2010** are summarized in the table below:

(Amts. in Rupees)

Sl. No.	Item / Component	Present Provision / Rates (w.e.f. 01.04.2003) (with relevant Section / para of the existing Scheme)	Revised Provision / Rates (w.e.f. 01.07.2010)
1.	Annual ceiling on family income	Rs.1 lakh p.a. (Para IV)	Rs.2 lakh p.a.
2.	Grouping of Courses	Group I Degree and Post Graduate level courses (including M.Phil, Ph.D and Post Doctoral research) in Medicine (Allopathic, Indian and other recognized systems of medicines), Engineering, Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary and Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance, Business Administration and Computer Applications/Science. Commercial Pilot License (including helicopter pilot and Multi Engine rating) Course.	Group I (i) Degree and Post Graduate level courses including M.Phil., Ph.D. and Post Doctoral research in Medicine (Allopathic, Indian and other recognized systems of medicines), Engineering, Technology, Planning, Architecture, Design, Fashion Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary & Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance / Administration, Computer Science/ Applications. (ii) Commercial Pilot License (including helicopter pilot and multiengine rating) course. (iii) Post Graduate Diploma courses in various branches of management & medicine. (iv) C.A./I.C.W.A./C.S./I.C.F.A. etc. (v) M. Phil., Ph.D. and Post Doctoral Programmes (D. Litt., D.Sc. etc.) – a) In existing Group II courses b) In existing Group III courses (vi) L.L.M.

4	Other Allowances	(Para V)	
4.1	Study Tour Charges (One Time)	1000	1600
4.2	Thesis Typing/Printing Charges(One Time)	1000	1600
4.3	Book Grant for Correspondence Courses (One Time)	750	1200
4.4	Allowance for Students with Disability (i)Monthly Reader Allowance for Blind students	150 (Group I&II) 125 (Group III) 100(Group IV)	240(Group I&II) 200(Group III) 160 (Croup IV)
	(ii) Monthly Transport Allowance for Disabled Students (as defined under the Persons with Disabilities Act 1995), if such students do not reside in the hostel which is within the premises of the Educational Institution.	100	160
	(iii) Monthly Escort Allowance for Severely Handicapped Day Scholars/Students with low extremity disability	100	160

		Group II Other professional and technical graduate and Post Graduate (including M.Phil, Ph.D. and Post Doctoral research) level courses not covered in Group I. C.A./ICWA/C.S. etc. courses. All Post Graduate, Graduate level Diploma courses, all Certificate Level Courses	Group II (i) Graduate/ Post Graduate courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate in areas like Pharmacy (B Pharma), Nursing(B Nursing), LLB, BFS, other para-medical branches like rehabilitation, diagnostics etc., Mass Communication, Hotel Management & Catering, Travel/Tourism/Hospitality Management, Interior Decoration, Nutrition & Dietetics, Commercial Art, Financial Services (e.g. Banking, Insurance, Taxation etc.) for which entrance qualification is minimum Sr. Secondary (10+2). (ii) Post Graduate courses not covered under Group I e.g. MA/M Sc/M.Com/M Ed./M. Pharma etc.
		Group III All other courses leading to a graduate or above degree (not covered in group I & II).	**Group III** All other courses leading to a graduate degree not covered under Group I & II e.g. BA/B Sc/B Com etc.
		Group IV All post matriculation level courses before taking up graduation like classes XI and XII in 10+2 system and intermediate examination etc., not covered in Group 'II' or 'III'. ITI courses, other vocational courses (if minimum required qualification to pursue the course is at least matriculation).	**Group IV** All post-matriculation level non-degree courses for which entrance qualification is High School (Class X), e.g.senior secondary certificate (class XI and XII); both general and vocational stream, ITI courses, 3 year diploma courses in Polytechnics, etc.
3	Monthly Maintenance Allowance	(Para V) Day Scholars / Hosteller Group I: 330 / 740 Group II: 330 / 510 Group III: 185 / 355 Group IV: 140 / 235	Day Scholars / Hosteller Group I: 550 / 1200 Group II: 530 / 820 Group III: 300 / 570 Group IV: 230 / 380